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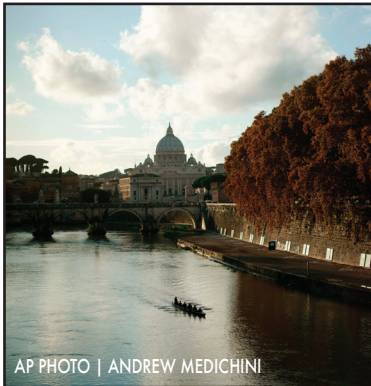


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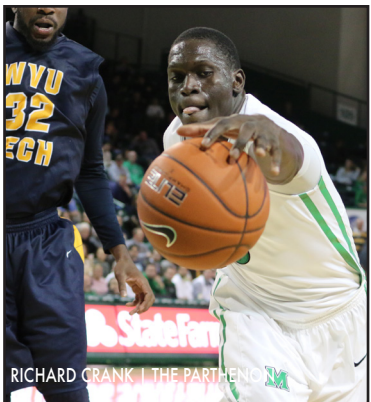
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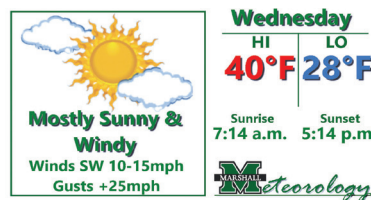
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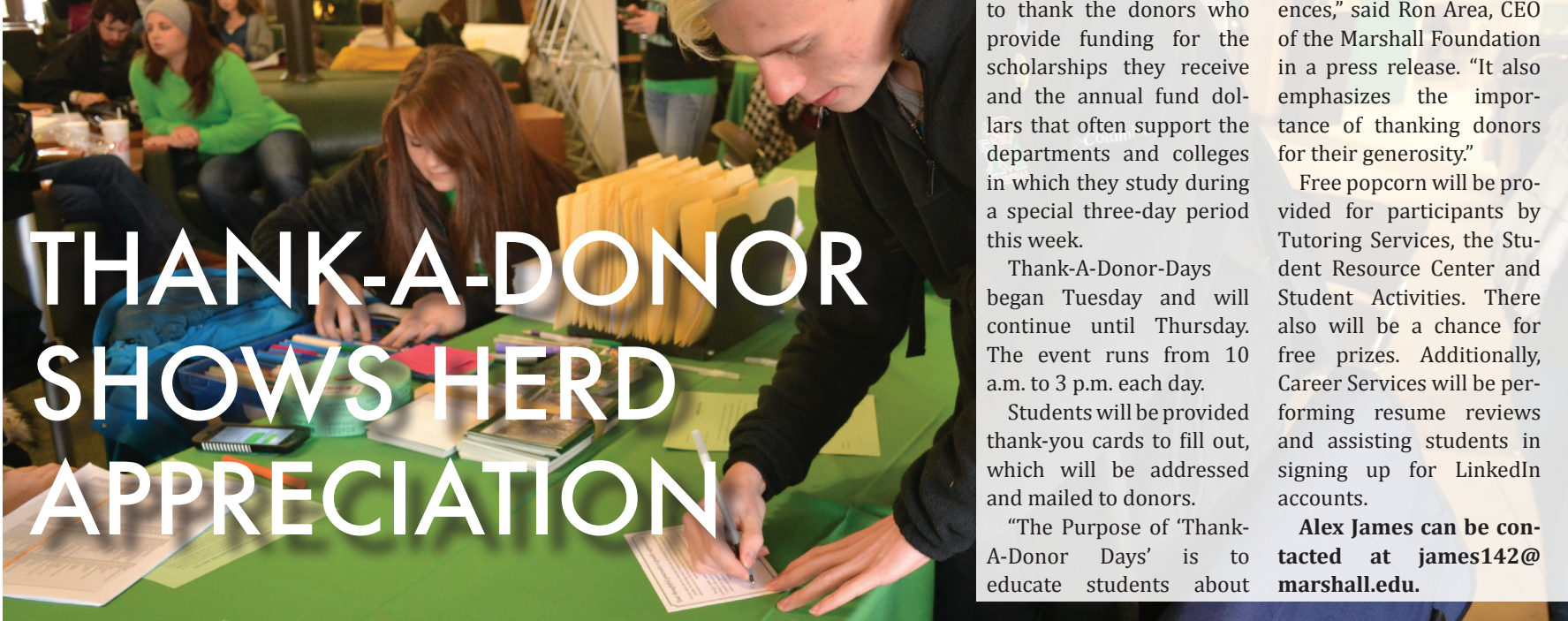
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87-65 HERD MEN MOVE TO 3-0

"That's a well-coached team (WV Tech) and small, but their big guy inside is not small and he's aggressive. They're a threat because they can shoot and they're quick. They're well-coached, and they play hard."

- Coach Dan D'Antoni

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Levi Meachun writes a note thanking a donor for his or her contribution to Marshall University scholarships and funding at Thank-A-Donor Day Tuesday in the Memorial Student Center.



THANK-A-DONOR SHOWS HERD APPRECIATION

By ALEX JAMES
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University students have the opportunity to thank the donors who provide funding for the scholarships they receive and the annual fund dollars that often support the departments and colleges in which they study during a special three-day period this week.

Thank-A-Donor-Days began Tuesday and will continue until Thursday. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

Students will be provided thank-you cards to fill out, which will be addressed and mailed to donors.

"The Purpose of 'Thank-A-Donor Days' is to educate students about

the importance of private giving by demonstrating the differences it makes in their educational experiences," said Ron Area, CEO of the Marshall Foundation in a press release. "It also emphasizes the importance of thanking donors for their generosity."

Free popcorn will be provided for participants by Tutoring Services, the Student Resource Center and Student Activities. There also will be a chance for free prizes. Additionally, Career Services will be performing resume reviews and assisting students in signing up for LinkedIn accounts.

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City offers free parking for holiday shoppers

By EMILY RICE
THE PARTHENON

The Huntington Parking Board, in association with local business owners, is offering free parking during the holidays annually to encourage local shopping.

"It is something that we have done every year since I have been there," said Mike Wilson, executive director of the Parking Board. "We try to work with downtown partners and the Chamber of Commerce to determine what is the most beneficial to them."

The Parking Board chose dates to compete with larger stores and the mall.

"The first thing you hear, is 'well, I can go to Wal-Mart, or the mall, and parking is free,'" Wilson said. "We can't do it all the time, but we do give them some days to assist."

Wilson said the dates of free parking offered are different every year to match what will be most beneficial to local business sales and specials.

"It is based on the needs of the business, mostly," Wilson said. "We just try to assist them and stimulate shopping downtown for some of the small businesses."

Wilson said the Downtown Parking Association decides when free parking will be offered, and some businesses are helped more than others.

"Obviously, it helps some more than others," Wilson said. "The Downtown Parking Association is a group made up of business owners, and then my board. Almost all of them are business owners and it is really helpful to them, the ones who push and request it, so it is obviously helping them and certainly not hurting them."

Karen Shook, owner of Crumpets and Tea and member of the Huntington Parking Board, said this is an opportunity for her business and ones like it to bring in customers.

"This is something we work together on to try to get parking for everybody of Huntington so they can come downtown and enjoy all of the things that are offered here," Shook said.

Some citizens are concerned that only certain places in Huntington will offer free parking on the specified dates.

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SCHOOL OF ART & DESIGN STUDY ABROAD MEETING INFORMS STUDENTS ON APPLICATION PROCESS

By **DONYELLE MURRAY**
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's School of Art & Design has organized a meeting for students interested in studying abroad in Florence, Italy.

The trip is a three-week program in which students will have the opportunity to study art and art history. Studying abroad in Florence is open to all majors at Marshall.

The courses offered are Introduction to Visual Art, Art & Architecture of the Italian Renaissance, Art in Context: Local/Global, and Advanced Studio Sequence: Mixed Media.

Dasia Taylor, freshman, said she is looking forward to attending the meeting.

"I think this would be a great opportunity to travel to such a beautiful place, while getting school credits," Taylor said. "I'm excited for the meeting so I can see what this experience is all about."

Andrea Celerio, graduate

assistant for the Office of Study Abroad, said the meeting will essentially be a Q&A session.

"This meeting will be an open forum for all types of questions," Celario said. "The professors will be talking academics and logistics of the program."

Heather Stark, assistant professor of art history, said the meeting will go over all the steps a student will need to take to apply for the trip.

"We will provide packets of information for each interested student, which contains all the forms they will need to get the process rolling," Stark said. "At least one student will be there to share her experience through images of the trip and to answer questions as well."

The meeting will occur 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in Old Main Room 321.

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A rowing boat sails along the Tiber river as the dome of St. Peter's Basilica is visible in background, in Rome, Nov. 12.

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POLICE BLOTTER

By **TIM CARRICO**
THE PARTHENON

All information was provided by the Marshall University Police Department.

Extortion

MUPD was called at 11:09 p.m. Nov. 5 to Willis Hall after a male student alleged he was being extorted. The victim told MUPD he was on a video chat website called Chat Roulette. Police allege the victim thought he was video chatting with a female. However, minutes later, the victim found out he was video chatting with a male. The suspect allegedly told the victim he would post the video of their conversation

to Facebook, unless he paid the suspect \$800. After an investigation, MUPD did not find the video posted online and no arrests have been made.

Petit Larceny

MUPD was called 1:43 a.m. Nov. 9 to Twin Towers East after a student reported money was missing from her dorm room. MUPD allege the student left her room, claiming it was locked. When she returned, the victim noticed \$200 cash was missing from her drawer. The case is closed until further leads develop.

Destruction of Property

MUPD responded at 2:22

a.m. Nov. 8 to the walkway between Old Main and Smith Hall, after a dark gray Hyundai vehicle was seen driving on the walkway. Police allege the 28-year-old male driver drove through the concrete pylon and on the walkway. Police said the driver failed three field sobriety tests, blowing a .199. The driver was charged with destruction of property and driving under the influence. The suspect was taken to the Western Regional Jail. MUPD has not released the suspect's name.

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W.Va. rural health center marking 20th anniversary

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The Center for Rural Health Development in Hurricane is celebrating a milestone.

The center is marking 20 years of work on rural health issues. The private, not-for-profit organization started its work in 1994.

Officials held an open house on Tuesday afternoon to mark the occasion and announced the creation of the Institute for Rural Health Improvement. The new initiative aimed at improving health outcomes in communities across West Virginia.

According to its website,

the center has developed and implemented programs to help improve health and strengthen health care delivery in West Virginia.

In 2003, it began providing management and technical assistance as the lead agency for the West Virginia Immunization Network.

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Herd routs Golden Bears, improves to 3-0



Thundering Herd guard DeVince Boykins communicates with teammates during the Herd's game with West Virginia University Institute of Technology Tuesday in the Cam Henderson Center.
RICHARD CRANK | THE PARTHENON



Marshall University forward Cheikh Sane drives to the basket against West Virginia University Institute of Technology Tuesday in the Cam Henderson Center.
RICHARD CRANK | THE PARTHENON

By SCOTT BOLGER
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University Thundering Herd men's basketball team ended its three game stint against Division II schools Tuesday, walloping the Golden Bears of West Virginia University Institute of Technology 87-65.

Marshall shot 13-30 from behind the arc and was also 20-25 from the free throw line.

Leading the Herd in scoring was sophomore forward Ryan Taylor with 25 points, who also muscled in eight rebounds. Another major contributor to the 22-point victory was the Senegalese senior center Cheikh Sane, who garnered 16 rebounds and was one point shy of a double-double. Sophomore Austin Loop shot 4-6 from three-point range and ended the game with 14 points.

Defensively, the Herd played a box zone, negating any penetration from the Golden Bear guards and forcing cross-court passes when the ball was on the perimeter. Although WV Tech put two post players in the low block, there was heavy reliance on perimeter movement. With the box zone, Tech could move freely on the first pass, but maneuvering into the inside lane was nearly impossible because of Marshall's two-man close out. WV Tech kept it close when down 8-10 six minutes in, but Marshall's defense forced 14 turnovers in the remaining 14 minutes of the first half and outscored the Golden Bears 38-19 to

take a 48-27 halftime lead.

"We don't play in front of 5,000 people every night," said WV Tech head coach Bob Williams. "In an arena like this, when you play an NCAA Division I team, maybe we were a little nervous at the beginning of the game. They were excited, but I don't think intimidated."

In the second half, Marshall continued to play within its box defense and established its brand new system like it has the past two games. The main difference in Tuesday's offensive scheme was instead of leaving the corner shooter in his place or switching corners, he would be brought up to the wing next to the primary ball handler. This way, the former corner shooter's defender, as well as the ball handler's defender, would focus on the backwards movement and surrender drives into the paint.

However, West Virginia Tech didn't go home quietly.

Formerly engaging with a man-to-man defense, WV Tech applied the 2-3 zone at the 11 minute mark. The 2-3 zone allowed WV Tech to slow the pace of the game, then use its speed to take the lane after Marshall's missed shots and turnovers.

"I was proud of our guys; how we came out in the second half and fought," Williams said. "We cut the lead to 11. We switched to a zone defense that we basically put in yesterday, just in case we would need it, so I was kind of reluctant to go to it, but it slowed the game. I saw Savannah State do it and it slowed Marshall down just enough where we could creep back in striking distance."

During the run, that cut the lead to 11. With a score of 67-56 with less

"Well, we got all the shots we wanted, we just missed them."

>Thundering Herd head coach Dan D'Antoni



Marshall University guard Austin Loop takes a shot against West Virginia University Institute of Technology Tuesday in the Cam Henderson Center.
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Thundering Herd forward Cheikh Sane hustles after a loose ball in the Herd's 87-65 win over West Virginia University Institute of Technology Tuesday in the Cam Henderson Center.
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Column

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Remember what you have this Thanksgiving

By TAYLOR STUCK
THE PARTHENON

This morning, in my car on my way to class, I was thinking about my makeup. I've been experimenting with my simple look recently, branching out a little bit. I've been struggling with winged-eyeliner, mainly because my gel pen doesn't work the way I think it should. I get one eye on, then it dries and doesn't come out so the other eye isn't the same.

Then I had a thought. How lucky am I that I can complain about the fact my \$24 Benefit "They're Real" Push Up Liner won't work properly. Yeah, that's a lot of money to spend on makeup, I expect it to work, but the fact I have the ability to be let down by expensive makeup is a luxury.

I'm not going to get all preachy on you. I'm not going to give you a lecture on realizing what you have. Yes, we have first world problems, but that doesn't mean they aren't problems. When the Internet is down and I burn my tongue on my caramel brulee latté, I'm going to complain.

But Thanksgiving is coming up, so it is a good time to recognize those things which we are lucky to have.

It might be annoying when my roommates don't unload the dishwasher, but at least we have one. My roommates might just annoy me, but at least I have three wonderful women to call my best friends.

The fact I have to pay student loans back when I graduate may be frightening, but at least I had the privilege to receive financing to go to college.

I may be so busy I can't find the time to go grocery shopping (or maybe I'm just lazy), but at least I have the ability to get in my car, drive to Chipotle and get a burrito bowl (with a tortilla on the bottom).

Black Friday may annoy me more every year, but at least we have the chance to purchase a large, flat screen, high definition, 3-D TV.

Our country has problems, but at least we aren't at civil war or living in fear for our lives because of our religious beliefs.

This Thanksgiving, take a moment to reflect on your first world problems and compare them to the rest of the world. Hopefully it will help you realize how lucky you are.

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Editorial

BODY TOO BOOTYLICIOUS FOR YOU
Paper Magazine's aspirational rise to web fame

There comes a time in every newspaper opinions section when it must include something about Kim Kardashian West's backside.

The bum that broke the Internet first appeared on social media when Paper Magazine revealed its winter issue cover, which features one of two images of Kardashian and her butt, one naked and one catching an airborne flow of champagne in a glass which rests on her infamous booty. Within the magazine spread, which also features an article describing Kardashian as a near exact replica of her on-screen self "like she comes with a built-in filter of her own," the reality star also happily—or so her ecstatic smile suggests—goes full frontal.

Her nude body revealed in its entirety, Kardashian has, as expected, garnered parodies, spoofs, edits and of course the ever-present criticism, including a

self-criticizing comment from the model herself:

"And they say I didn't have a talent...try balancing a champagne glass on your ass LOL #BreakTheInternet #Paper Magazine [sic]."

The whole concept was clearly a stunt from its stated goal (hashtag included) to #BreakTheInternet to the magazine's choice in ass-baring cover star. It was created to create buzz — buzz for the magazine and more buzz for Kim and her posterior.

The magazine, which has a paid circulation of 125,000 subscribers and 1.3 million unique website viewers according to a Yahoo! Style article, brought itself into the pop culture limelight and onto the Twitter feeds of the masses through a shiny, bronzed rump. A shock-inducing addition to the magazine's recent redesign, everyone is talking about Paper, when a month ago, most people outside

its niche audience had never heard of the publication.

But what distinguishes the NSFW spread from an X-rated magazine such as Playboy? Maybe the high-profile French photographer Jean-Paul Goude, whose work has been featured in museums around the world or the artistic quality of the publication as a whole justify it as art. Regardless, the magazine made a choice, the photographer made a choice and the subject made a choice. And it worked.

Frankly, Kardashian, who specifically told Paper that she was willing to take all of her clothes off according to the magazine's editorial director, Mickey Boardman, has created a name for herself we all know and love to hate. Getting naked with a silly hair style and a goofy expression on her face created the most buzz on the Internet since Alex from Target, and for that, Paper Magazine should be proud.



Kim Kardashian talks to the media on her arrival at the Hairfinity party in central London Nov. 8.

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State Editorial

Support the world's greatest anti-poverty program

Despite its proven track record of fostering innovation and improving the quality of life for societies across the world, capitalism is under attack in the U.S.

CHARLESTON DAILY MAIL (AP)

Those who want for social justice, decry exploitation and fret about income inequality ought to love the growing global economic trend. This trend pulls people out of poverty, promotes equality and provides greater economic and political opportunities for many.

"The past 25 years have witnessed the greatest reduction in global poverty in the history of the world," wrote Dartmouth College professor of economics Douglas A. Irwin in the Wall Street Journal recently.

Irwin credits the improvement to that old-fashioned economic program that built the United States and the Western World but that liberals love to condemn. It's called "capitalism."

But what about growing income inequality? What about corporate greed? What about the rich getting richer?

The World Bank reported in October that the share of the world population living in extreme poverty fell to 15 percent in 2011, down from 36 percent in 1990, said Irwin.

Earlier in the year, the International Labor Office reported that the number of workers in the world earning less than \$1.25 a day has fallen to 375 million, from 811 million in 1991.

"Let's be blunt," Irwin wrote. "The credit goes to the spread of capitalism. Over the past few decades, developing countries have embraced economic-policy reforms that have cleared the way for private enterprise."

Irwin cited China and India as leading examples.

China began allowing private agricultural plots and permitted private businesses in 1978. "The result has been phenomenal economic growth, higher wages for workers — and a big decline in poverty. For the most part, all the government had to do was get out of the way."

India began to dismantle its "license raj" in 1991, which required government approval to start a business, expand capacity and purchase foreign goods. "Such policies strangled the Indian economy

for decades and kept millions in poverty. When the government stopped suffocating business, the Indian economy began to flourish with faster growth, higher wages and reduced poverty."

Despite its proven track record of fostering innovation and improving the quality of life for societies across the world, capitalism is under attack in the U.S.

Young Americans ages 18 to 29 have a positive view of socialism and a negative view of capitalism, according to a 2011 Pew Research Poll. About half of American millennials view socialism favorably, compared with 13 percent of Americans age 65 and older.

The nation's anemic economic recovery ought to be some indication that U.S. policies are doing more to strangle capitalism, and hence economic growth and income equality, than improving matters.

The proof is visible across the world. Those who wish to reduce income inequality and other societal ills would do well to work to strengthen capitalism, rather than condemn it.

Attorney: Stabbing suspect, 12, not fit for trial

By M.L. JOHNSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

An attorney for one of two girls accused of trying to kill a classmate to please the fictional character Slender Man said Tuesday that her mental state has not improved and he will challenge a state doctor's determination that she is fit to stand trial.

Wisconsin Judge Michael Bohren ordered the girl to receive mental health treatment in August after a state psychologist testified the child claimed to see and hear things that others could not, including Slender Man, unicorns and characters from the Harry Potter and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles series. A different doctor filed the latest report on her condition, which was sealed by the court.

Defense attorney Anthony Cotton said the girl still believes fictional characters are real, and he would have a doctor he hired testify about that during a Dec. 18 hearing.

"We don't think anything has changed in terms of her functioning," Cotton said.

The case cannot proceed unless Bohren is confident the girl can understand and help with her defense.

Cotton said the treatment she has received at a mental health institution is "markedly better" than the care she had before August, when she was held in jail.

"Right now, she has one-on-one care, she has social workers, she has doctors, she has therapists," he said. "There's professionals who can look at her and monitor her and be involved in the sort of day-to-day treatment. Jails aren't equipped to do those types of activities, and they're certainly not equipped to do those things for children in most cases."

The girl would likely be sent back to jail if Bohren found her fit for trial, Cotton said.

According to court documents, the girl plotted with a friend for months before attacking a third child during a walk in a wooded park following a May 30 sleepover in Waukesha, about a half-hour west of Milwaukee. The victim, who was stabbed 19 times, survived by waiting until her attackers left and then crawling to a path where a bicyclist found her. All three children were 12 at the time.

The two girls charged in the case told investigators they hoped to curry favor with Slender Man. They were found walking toward a national forest where they believed the specter lived in a mansion.

The second girl charged in the attack also has a Dec. 18 hearing scheduled on her mental state. Wisconsin law requires suspects in severe crimes to be charged as adults if they are at least 10. The Associated Press is not naming the girls because both of their attorneys have said they will still seek to have the cases moved to juvenile court.



TOP: One of two 12-year-old girls accused of stabbing a classmate to please the fictional character Slender Man is led into a courtroom at the Waukesha County Courthouse in Waukesha, Wis. Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2014. Her attorney challenged a doctor's report that said she was competent to stand trial. A competency hearing was scheduled for Dec. 18, the same day as a competency hearing for the other girl accused in the case.

BOTTOM: One of two 12-year-old girls accused of stabbing a classmate to please the fictional horror character Slender Man is led into a courtroom for a hearing Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2014, in Waukesha, Wis. A state doctor believes the girl's mental condition has improved and that she is fit to stand trial.

AP PHOTO | WAUKESHA FREEMAN, CHARLES AUER, POOL

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Deborah Bennett, Huntington resident and volunteer with Messages of Hope, said when Messages of Hope was doing its annual suicide prevention walk, she and some friends chose to park in Pullman Square.

"We noticed a security officer ticketing cars on a Saturday," Bennett said. "This had never been an issue before. He explained that Pullman was private property and they did not offer free parking, ever, even if the city did."

Bennett said she thinks Pullman Square should offer free parking when the city does to promote shopping.

"If not, then why shop there?" Bennett said. "There are plenty of other small businesses downtown to give our money to."

Wilson said Pullman Square will not be participating in the free parking dates this year, as they are not part of a government organization.

"It (Pullman Square) is only a for-profit business, and this is something that I am sure that they would love to do, but they have to make a certain amount because they have to pay their bills," Wilson said.

Wilson said Huntington is able to offer free parking because it is not a for-profit business.

"With government, we have a little more leeway, we just need to break even, but they actually have to make a profit," Wilson said. "We always work with them, but it is a different entity."

Huntington will offer free parking on the following dates: Nov. 27-29, Dec. 5-6, Dec. 12-13, Dec. 19-20 and Dec. 24-25.

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New York man charged for 25 cats hanging in trees

By JIM FITZGERALD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

A man was arrested Tuesday in connection with the discovery last spring of 25 dead cats hanging from trees in plastic bags, a grisly find that prompted animal lovers including Black Sabbath bassist Geezer Butler to post \$25,000 in reward money.

Westchester County's Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals said Rene Carcamo was charged with illegally disposing of the dead cats. Carcamo, of Yonkers, was not charged with killing the cats.

The charge is a violation of environmental law with a maximum penalty of one year in jail. The director of enforcement for the SPCA, Ernest Lungaro, said, "That's what we're able to prove, that he was hanging them."

Carcamo was arraigned Tuesday afternoon and was held on \$5,000 bail, Lungaro said. He had no information on a defense lawyer. Calls to Yonkers police were not immediately returned.

Lungaro would not say if officials believe Carcamo also killed the cats. He said in April that tests on three

cats' bodies showed they were killed with blows to the head at various times over the previous year and were dead when they were put in the bags.

The cats were discovered in April by a public works crew doing an annual cleanup in a wooded area just off Overlook Terrace in Yonkers, about a mile and a half north of the Bronx. Carcamo lives nearby.

Animal welfare groups and private citizens, including Butler, posted \$25,000 in reward money. Lungaro said that because Carcamo has not been charged with killing

the cats, he was unsure what would become of the money.

Besides the charge related to the dead cats, Carcamo was charged with animal cruelty. The SPCA said that during the investigation, Lungaro found two sick kittens in Carcamo's possession and told him to take them to a veterinarian but he did not. Lungaro later took the kittens away, and a vet found them to be severely neglected, the SPCA said.

After Carcamo's arrest, the SPCA went to his apartment and removed five more cats, some of them with various minor ailments, Lungaro said.



In this April 24, 2014 file photo provided by the SPCA of Westchester's Humane Law Enforcement Division, plastic bags containing the remains of about 25 cats are hang from a tree in a wooded area in Yonkers, N.Y. The SPCA of Westchester said Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2014 that Rene Carcamo of Yonkers has been charged with illegally disposing of the dead cats, though he is not charged with killing them. The SPCA group's director of enforcement says the disposal crime is what investigators feel they are "able to prove."

AP PHOTO | SPCA OF WESTCHESTER'S HUMANE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

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Meet an INTO Marshall Student

Erwin Ortega

By JARED CASTO

Erwin Santana Ortega is a high school physics teacher from Mexico who is at Marshall University as a part of the Proyecta 100,000 program. The program aims to have 100,000 Mexican students study in the United States by 2018. Having been in America a decade ago as a part of a high school foreign exchange program, Ortega has adapted to America well. Still, he finds Marshall and the university experience to be different, mostly because of the amenities offered here that are not offered at public schools in Mexico. In his free time, Ortega enjoys playing basketball with his friends and riding motorcycles. After completing the Proyecta 100,000 program, he is considering returning to Marshall to work toward his masters or Ph.D.
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How long have you been in America?

I have been here for nearly ten days. I still have four more weeks to go. Our program is a five-week program.

Can you explain the program you're involved in?

In our country, it's called Proyecta 100,000, and what our government is trying to do is send some students and teachers to study in the states to improve their English skills.

So far, how have you adapted to America?

I have been here before. I was actually an exchange student ten years ago in a high school up in the state of Ohio... I spent a whole year over there, and that was a whole new experience. And this one is a little different. I had never been in a U.S. college, which I am enjoying very much. There's so many things to do. I find it very enjoyable.

How have you liked Marshall University so far?

I like it very much so far. I didn't know that you guys had all this kind of stuff inside the university. I didn't know there were these types of cafeterias. It's so different. And the Rec Center, it's just not what I am used to in our public schools down in Mexico. So far, I've had a great time.

What are your plans after you finish this program?

There are a 160 students and teachers here. When this program ends, we're going back to our regular lives, but some of us might be thinking of getting a degree here at this school. Which would be a good thing. So, we're looking through all of the majors that you have and probably coming back someday and getting a masters or a Ph.D.

How have you kept in touch with your family so far?

I'm married now, so what I miss the most is my wife. I miss my parents, too, and my brothers. But now I live with my wife. We have no kids. I still miss her very much. We keep in touch with the Internet, pretty much. When I got here safe and sound to the Dayton airport, I called her on the phone just to let her know that I was doing okay. After that, I haven't called home on a regular cell phone or an actual home phone. All I do is get on the Internet and probably go to Skype or WhatsApp... Using the Internet is a lot cheaper.

Do you have any hobbies or interests?

I like playing basketball. We're doing some basketball everyday with my friends from Mexico. I also enjoy motorcycle riding. I haven't seen much of that because it's just not the right time. It's too cold for motorcycle riding.

What are you looking forward to doing in the next few weeks?

Actually, today I went to visit a high school and meet with a physics teacher just to share some ideas and see what you guys are doing up here, and see how we're doing with our education system. So, I enjoyed that very much. Changing the subject, I would also like to ride the train. I'm looking forward to going to Chicago for Thanksgiving. So, finally I'm going to ride a train, which I have never done.

Is there anything else you'd like everyone to know about you?

I just want to let the Mexican community know that Marshall is a good opportunity. It's a great school. I never knew that there was a university called Marshall. Now that I know of this university, I find it very good. Like I said before, I might be coming back for a masters or a Ph.D. at a later time.

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What has been your favorite experience so far?

My favorite experience so far is just having everything on campus. Like, I don't have to worry to drive or take the bus to practice some basketball or to jog for a little bit or to lift some weights. So, I'll just go walk to the Rec Center, which is pretty close. I don't have to worry about buying food or walking to places to buy food. All that kind of stuff is inside campus. That's what I find fascinating. Other than that, the classrooms are pretty neat. We don't have that kind of infrastructure in the classrooms in Mexico. I am a physics teacher in high school and we pretty much lack a lot of things. And I dream of the day when I have some of the things you have here at Marshall.

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